

Sak, includes more religious ceremonies and rituals to bring good luck and happiness to families.

In my home state of Rhode Island there are numerous businesses owned by Cambodian-American families, most of them in the capital city Providence. These establishments contribute much to the local economy.

The Cambodian New Year is an appropriate time to remind all Americans why we must support the political and economic stabilization of Cambodia. As the nation continues to recover from three decades of civil conflict, including the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, it is critical that the United States and international community aid the Cambodian people in their efforts to build a lasting democracy.

Therefore, on this day marking the beginning of Chol Chnam, I encourage all U.S. citizens to join in the spirit of this special holiday.●

COMMENDATION FOR DR. JAMES BROWNFOX JONES, ESQ.

● Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I take this opportunity today to call my colleagues' attention to the extraordinary efforts of Dr. James Brownfox Jones who has made countless contributions to his profession and to the community at large. Recently, Dr. Jones was selected as an inductee in the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame in the area of education. Dr. Jones' selection to the Hall of Fame is a testament to his dependable and consistent standard of excellence as an educator and participant in his community. His career reflects his respect and affection for the young people who are our future leaders. And, his record reflects his predominate concern for the more vulnerable youth in this city.

Dr. Jones has distinguished himself in the District of Columbia as an educator and community activist with the mission of helping young people reach their full potential. At the Washington School of Psychiatry, Dr. Jones developed and operated an experimental educational program designed to address the educational needs of "hard core" juvenile delinquents. And, as a public school teacher, he developed a unique program for special education students.

With a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years, Dr. Jones assisted the mayor in initiating a wide range of innovative programs for the children and youth of the city. These included a mobile recreation wagon, a hot lunch program, a neighborhood youth corps, and the building of go-kart tracks on lots left vacant by the 1968 riots.

Since 1983, Dr. Jones has designed and operated an Independent Living Program for abused and neglected youth in foster care in the District of Columbia. As part of this program, he has sent over 250 young people to college.

Education is a top priority for this Congress, and for me personally. I have

served as a tutor and my wife Linda has dedicated her career to teaching in public schools. Both of us have always been strong supporters of public education. It is with that background that I want to express my support for the work of Dr. Jones and to congratulate him on his selection for the Washington, DC Hall of Fame.

Thank you, Mr. President.●

RECOGNIZING THE HERMANN MONUMENT

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I come to the Senate floor today to recognize the numerous contributions that millions of German-Americans have made to the United States, and introduce a resolution to designate the Hermann Monument in New Ulm, Minnesota, a national monument.

German-Americans have been an integral part of American history, shaping our artistic, cultural, military and political foundations. Friedrich Muhlenbert, the first Speaker of the House of Representatives, baseball great Babe Ruth, and artist Oscar Hammerstein are just three out of millions of German-Americans who have contributed to the creation of a diverse American culture. Today, German-Americans compose nearly 25% of the American population, making them the largest ethnic group in the United States. Despite this vast number of German-Americans and the significant impact they have had on all facets of American life, unfortunately there is no nationally recognized symbol honoring German-Americans.

The Hermann Monument provides us with an opportunity as a nation to recognize the contributions of German-Americans, past and present. The monument is a unique copper statue of Hermann the Cheruscan, created in 1889 as a tribute to the struggle and triumph of German immigrants who came to the United States. The Hermann monument has become a symbol of unity and endurance to all American-Germans. It appropriately stands tall over New Ulm, Minnesota, a city where nearly 75 percent of the population is of German heritage.

Designating the Hermann Monument as a National German American Monument will re-enforce the important contributions that millions of German-Americans have made to our nation. It is with this goal that I introduce this resolution, and urge my colleagues to support it.●

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the exceptional work of seventeen students who are being honored on April 18, 2000, at the "Excellence in Education" Awards Program. Each year, the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce recognizes a group of students whose ability and enthusiasm have not only proved to be

outstanding, but also, I am told, has managed to please their teachers on a daily basis.

The purpose of the event is to provide these students with a job-shadowing experience in the field of their interest. For one day, the students work with local professionals in their chosen field, providing them with an unforgettable, and also inspirational, experience. Over the years, the chosen fields have ranged from medical specialties, to creative and performing arts, to business, to technology, and many more.

Mr. President, I applaud the following seventeen students for their outstanding efforts, and thank the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce for not only recognizing them, but encouraging them to continue their enthusiastic approach to education: Jeff Austin, Letrice Hudson, Elias Numan, Bryan Phillips, Heather Zygmuntowicz, Tenealle Tenwolde, Collin Lasko, Lyndsay McGarry, Kyle Morrison, Brandon See, Jamiecee Baker, Deitra Officer, Ty Bleuenstein, Monique Bramlett, Cristal Moore, Pakou Ly, and Kenneth Venable. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate them on their participation in the "Excellence in Education" Awards Program.●

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to the University of Minnesota women's hockey team on their recent national championship victory. This is truly an accomplishment of which all Minnesotans can be proud.

In only its third season, the Golden Gopher program has become a national powerhouse. In 1998, the Gopher's inaugural year, the team finished fourth in the nation. Last year, they crept closer to the national title with a third-place finish. This season's 32-6-1 record was the best in the nation.

Under the leadership of coach Laura Halldorson, the Gopher women defeated instate rival University of Minnesota-Duluth in the semifinals, 3-2, after being down 2-0. This come-from-behind victory gave the Golden Gophers a berth in the American Women's College Hockey Alliance National Championship game versus top-seeded Brown University.

The March 25 championship game at Boston's Matthews Arena proved to be a tough-fought contest. The Gopher women fell behind by a score of 1-0 in the first period, but once again made a strong comeback. Led by goalie Erica Killewald's 34 stopped shots, in the Gophers held off Brown for a 4-2 victory.

While this incredible season was clearly the result of phenomenal teamwork, there are individual efforts that should be recognized. Gopher goalie Erica Killewald's spectacular performance earned her the tournament MVP